before and after revision are given below:

Details of Allowances of ED BPMs

(Rs.)

	Prior to revision		Revised rates		Diff.	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Basic Allowance . .	217	265	275	440	58	175
Office Maintenance Allowance		10		25		15
Fixed Stationery Allowance		1		3		2
Combined Duty Allowance (wherever applicable) .		15		50		35

Profits before Tax and after Tax of Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

2840. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the expected profit before tax and profit after tax of different Public Sector Undertakings under his Ministry; and

(b) how does this compare with the figures of the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The profit before tax and profit after tax expected to be earned during 1988-89 by the Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas are about Rs. 2800 crores and Rs. 2101 crores respectively.

(b) The comparative figures for the last two years are given below:—

(Rs./crores)

	1986-87	1987-88
Profit before tax .	3076	2971
Profit after tax .	2147	2176

Import of different Petroleum Products

2841. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what have been the quantities of different petroleum products imported during each of the last three years, their unit price and total amount spent for these imports (each) year-wise;

(b) what has been the percentage increase/decrease in quantities and amounts of these products during the last three years; and

(c) what steps, if any, are being contemplated by Government to decrease the quantity/amount of these imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The details of quantity, value, unit price and percentage increase/decrease of petroleum products imported during the last three years are given in annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 158].

(c) In order to reduce the import of petroleum products, the following steps have been taken to increase the